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Graduate Recruitment Team

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Dear Graduate Recruitment Team,

Please find attached a copy of my CV in application for a training contract with Byrne Wallace. I am in the final year of a Scottish law degree at the University of Glasgow, having just returned from a year spent studying abroad in Paris, and so I am applying for the 2018 intake.

I was first attracted to a career at Byrne Wallace due to the firm’s reputation as a highly successful, innovative and international law firm, as was confirmed by the firm being awarded Employment Law Team of the Year at the Irish Law Awards 2015. The reason for this is the bearing that such a reputation has on the calibre of work undertaken by the firm. Byrne Wallace have an extensive and impressive client list, and are involved in top deals which is a result of the firm’s client-focused approach. An example of this is advising Renatus Capital Partners Ltd on its acquisition of Boojum Ltd. This is the top-quality type of work I would like to be involved in, right from the beginning of my traineeship.

I have wanted to be a commercial lawyer for several years, as I feel that it is a career I am highly suited to. I have an eye for detail, enjoy seeing projects through to completion and thrive as part of a team. I am a good communicator and enjoy problem solving. In addition, I possess sound logical reasoning skills and understand the level of commitment required to be a successful commercial lawyer. I have a keen interest in business, and thus would particularly like to work in the areas of European competition law or employment law, these being subjects that I am taking at honours level this year along with a dissertation in employment law. I am particularly attracted to Byrne Wallace by the strength and size of the firm’s employment department.

This summer I undertook a three-week placement with Pinsent Masons in their public procurement department, and this experience has only furthered my desire to be a commercial lawyer. However, having enjoyed studying abroad so much last year I have firmly decided that I wish to work outside of the UK. I found that moving to another country and setting up a life for myself gave me a great sense of achievement as well as contentment, and this is why I have ultimately chosen to live and work in Dublin after I graduate. I am of the opinion that Dublin has more to offer in terms of legal opportunity in recent years, and so is therefore a very attractive city to an ambitious law student.

Most importantly, I view Byrne Wallace as an approachable firm where I could see myself fitting in. I am a very hard worker, and am confident and sociable, with genuine enthusiasm and the drive to work in a top commercial law firm.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel Murphy